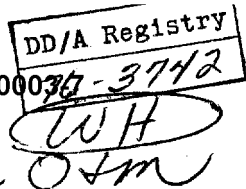


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The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jack:

Apparently, I am going to need you to intercede again in order to remove another roadblock in the way of my getting our Committee on Foreign Intelligence and the Intelligence Community Staff working in an effective manner. GSA believes that it is constrained by its legislation to put the cost of its alterations to the new Community Headquarters Building before the Public Works Committees of Congress. (I have enclosed a memorandum for the record which explains the background of why GSA believes they have to do this and also why we have not raised the issue with you before.)

At any rate, the legislation clearly provides for a Presidential waiver of the necessity to go to Congress in this instance, and I am sure that you will be able to push this through for the President's approval. I have enclosed a proposed letter from the President to Jack Eckerd for your convenience. (You should know that this isn't an end run on the Congress; the House Appropriations Committee is aware of the existence and scope of this alteration project.)

Unfortunately, we don't have much time to get this project on the road. GSA has already solicited bids which must be awarded by 2 August. If you could take the time to push this on a priority basis, I would certainly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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